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Nate is 10. He is autistic (level 2), mildly intellectually disabled, and has adhd and oppositional defiant disorder. He struggles with aggression at times. He also needs help with dressing, food, safety, toileting, and basic hygiene and care of his living space. We waited for several years for him to get the level 1 waiver. He just now got it. We have been waiting for years to find in-home aides or help. We are still waiting. We love him, we are exhausted, and we want to help him as best as we can. He is a bright, fun, and happy child. He just needs help, and so do we.